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BCDES AWARDS GRANTS TO PROMOTE WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING

The Butler County Department of Environmental Services (BCDES) will award more than \$15,000 in recycling incentive grants to help local businesses, schools, non-profit agencies and local governments promote waste reduction and recycling practices.

The 2008 grant award recipients are:

- **Schools**—Adena, Fillmore, Hopewell, and Seven Mile Elementary Schools, Fairfield Intermediate School, Badin High School, and Talawanda School District
- **Non-profits**—Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum, YWCA of Hamilton, Keep Middletown Beautiful, the Oxford Community Arts Center
- **Government**—The city of Hamilton's Park and Recreation Department
- **Businesses**—Aeronca Inc., an aerospace company located in Middletown and Miami University's Institute of Environmental Services (IES) on behalf of the Candlewood Apartment Complex

This year's grant review process was highly competitive. BCDES received 18 grant applications and more than \$53,000 in grant requests. Last year, the county only received eight application requests.

"The public and the private sector are becoming more environmentally aware and that is evident by the number of grant applications we received this year. We commend all of these organizations for implementing long-term recycling," said Butler County Commissioner Charles Furmon.

BCDES' grant program will help subsidize the cost of new recycling containers, recycling services and promotional materials.

Here is what some of the recipients plan to do with their grant money:

- All of the schools will be purchasing new recycling containers to support ongoing paper recycling programs. Through these programs, the schools are generating additional revenue that helps sustain long-term recycling and school-related activities.
- Aeronca Inc. will begin a new paper and beverage container recycling program. Candlewood Apartments is collaborating with IES to implement a new recycling program for apartment dwellers.
- Pyramid Hill and Hamilton's Parks and Recreation Department will purchase new recycling containers. The city will place containers at Joyce Park and Potter's and Twin Run golf courses.

For more information on the recycling incentive grant or other recycling programs, please contact BCDES at (513) 887-3406.

The Butler County Solid Waste Management District, a division of BCDES, is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible disposal of all waste from households, commercial businesses, and industry to conform to Ohio EPA regulations. BCDES, a public utility governed by the Butler County Board of Commissioners, provides essential services, which includes: water, wastewater treatment, and solid waste management.

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